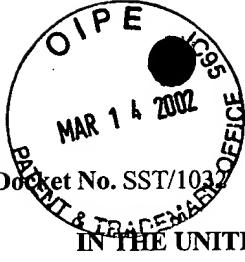


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The Bulldog Simpson "Crampons Bulldog" catalog shows a number of single and double sides "bulldog" plates and various installations, including joining parallel horizontal wood beams through rafters and what appears to be joining the ends of massive glulams with arrays of bulldog-reinforced bolted connections.

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